

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
August 14, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding (arrived 7:45 P.M.)
Absent: Haddad, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2006 meeting.
Motion so passed.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fenton River

Martin Berliner, the Town Manager, updated Council members on information regarding the Fenton River well field. Members asked that he further investigate the statement from the Department of Environmental Protection August 4, 2006 memo that reads, "Unfortunately, actual records from the Clearwater Basin booster pump the validate UCONN's assertion that operating periods did not exceed 14 hours per day, were not provided in the aforementioned submittal." They also asked for clarification of the third paragraph of the July 6, 2006 memo to the University from the Office of Policy and Management.

2. Community Campus Relations

Mr. Hawkins complimented Mayor Paterson on her welcome letter to UConn students. The Mayor announced that staff from the town and from UConn has been visiting the neighborhoods around campus.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

3. NECASA Grant Program to Support the Activities of Local Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Councils

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to approve the following resolution.

Resolved, effective August 14, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to submit the attached application to the Local Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Council (ATOD), to help fund the Ambassador's Club of Mansfield Middle School, Project Safe Homes and Safe Graduation, and to execute any related grant documents.

Motion so passed.

4. Emergency Management Performance Grant

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the following resolution.

Resolved: That the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is hereby authorized to act on the behalf of the Town of Mansfield in executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2007 Emergency Management Performance Grant program.

Motion so passed.

5. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Comments to State Solid Waste Management Plan

Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator, detailed the comments made by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee regarding the State Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Hawkins noted that LEED standards should be encouraged whenever possible.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded, to endorse the August 14, 2006 comments submitted by the Mansfield Solid Waste Advisory Committee to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection concerning the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan.

Motion so passed.

6. An Ordinance Regarding Landlord Registration

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective August 14, 2006, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on August 28, 2006, to solicit public comment concerning the proposed Ordinance Regarding Landlord Registration.

Motion so passed.

7. Air Conditioning for Mansfield Community Center

The Town Manager outlined recent improvements to the Community Center. Last year the Council authorized \$75,000 for the upgrade of the health and fitness area and other improvements to the facility. The Town is also exploring a state program that will assist in the purchase of a 300-400 K generator. The remaining item that needs attention is air conditioning for the gym, which the staff will present to the Council as a bonding item on a future agenda.

8. Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule and Amendments to Fee Charging Policy

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective August 14, 2006, to approve the fee schedule and the amendments to the fee charging policy for the Mansfield Department of Parks and Recreation as presented by staff in its draft dated August 8, 2006, and which fee schedule and policy amendments shall be effective August 28, 2006.

Curt Vincente, Recreation Director, presented the fee increase plan which includes a 5% membership rate increase, an increase in fees for adult children (18+) who are part of a family membership, a \$5 increase in additional family members from \$25 to \$30 and a non-resident program fee increase of \$5. Town Council members agreed that adult children living at home because of a disability would be considered a minor child.

Motion so passed.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Paulhus commented that the Town Council should keep the lines of communication open between the Council and the Charter Revision Commission. Members were encouraged to attend Commission meetings if they wish.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus and Mayor Paterson opened the farmers' market at its new location.

Mr. Clouette noted that at the last Town Gown meeting the Town updated the members on the Housing Code and other activities.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Puddin Lane field trip is scheduled for August 21st at 6:00 P.M.

The Know Your Town Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 10-2 in the Community Center.

A decision has been made by the Secretary of the State regarding the new voting machines. There will be a phone/fax method for independent voting by those with disabilities and scanning machines for all polling locations including absentee ballots. The fully accessible machines will be in place for the November election. The Registrars of Voters are investigating the necessary step to secure the scanners either for this election or 2007. They will report back to the Council.

The Town has received a letter from OPM approving the request to change the scope of the Economic Assistance Grant to be used for improvements to the site in

preparation for the construction of the 1A Building.

The Sustainability Report is being updated and will be ready for Council approval in September.

The Conservation Commission, which currently has 7 members, would like to expand membership to the 10 or 11 allowed by statute. The Town Manager will present a plan at a September meeting.

The Mayor reminded members of the fireworks on September 16th and the Festival on the Green on the 17th. There are many activities planned and volunteers are still needed.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

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XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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9. Access Agency re: Fuel Assistance Application to be Taken Early
- 10.CCM re: CCM's Convention and Exposition
- 11.CCM re: Proposed Amendment to the Connecticut Solid Waste Management Plan
- 12.College of Agricultural and Natural Resources Journal "Landscape architecture students design park for Landfill Remediation and Wetland Mitigation Project"
- 13.College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Journal "Mercury in the environment and the sustainability of forested watersheds"
- 14.Connecticut Clean Energy Fund re: Additional 1kw Free Solar PV System
- 15.Government Finance Officers Association re: Certificate of Achievement
- 16.Mansfield Community Center re: Important Changes in Program Registration Dates
- 17.New Haven Registrar "Brouhaha over charter schools is all about educational funding"
- 18.M. Stanton re: Approval of Referenda Questions
- 19.Office of Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz re: Secretary Bysiewicz Unveils New Voting Technology for Connecticut
- 20.G. Padick re: ECSU proposed campus parking and associated softball field relocation to Mansfield property on Mansfield City Road.
- 21.Planning and Zoning Commission re: Stowell Property – 21 Summit Road, Request to remove tree along Scenic Road
- 22.Storrs Farmers' Market
- 23.Storrs-Willi Ridership
- 24.Town of Mansfield Estimated Schedule of Estimated Changes in Fund Balance – Legal Basis
- 25.UConn Husky Trail
- 26.United States Senate re: Dodd, Lieberman Secure More Than \$18 Million of Connecticut Transportation, Urban Development Projects
- 27.C., van Zelm re: June 30, 2006 Progress Report for the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project
- 28.M. Zimmer re: Juniper Hill

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to move into Executive Session.
Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson. Paulhus, Redding

Also Present: Peter Curry

Personnel Issues

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move out of Executive Session.
Motion so passed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion so passed.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk